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# VENOM ISLAND

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VENOM

DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK STUMBLED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM CALLED A SYMBIOTE DURING ONE OF THE LOWEST POINTS OF HIS LIFE. THE TWO WERE JOINED AND USED THEIR COMBINED LUST FOR VIOLENCE TO MAKE THEIR CITY SAFER AS THE LETHAL PROTECTOR...

# VENOM

CARNAGE HAS INFECTED THE VENOM SYMBIOTE. STRANDED ON A DESERTED ISLAND THAT CARNAGE HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A DEATH TRAP, EDDIE BROCK SEVERED HIS OWN HAND TO AVOID THE CARNAGE SYMBIOTE'S ATTEMPT TO CORRUPT HIM. AS EDDIE STRUGGLED WITH HIS AMPUTATION TO REACH A RADIO TOWER FOR HELP, HIS SON, DYLAN, INFILTRATED THE HIVE MIND TO LOCATE KNULL, FATHER OF THE SYMBIOTES—BUT SAW EDDIE FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE.

EDDIE SEPARATED VENOM AND CARNAGE BY ELECTROCUTING THEM—AND HIMSELF—BY USING THE RADIO TOWER AS A LIGHTNING ROD, BUT FELL UNCONSCIOUS AS BOTH SYMBIOTES RACED TO REACH HIM. EDDIE AWOKE ALONE TO THE SIGHT OF CAPTAIN AMERICA AS THEY FLED THE ISLAND IN A HELICOPTER. AS EDDIE BEGGED TO RETRIEVE THE VENOM SYMBIOTE, A MISSILE FLEW PAST THE ISLAND, NUKING IT OUT OF EXISTENCE!

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PHANTOM LIMB SYNDROME.

IT'S THE SENSATION OF A MISSING OR AMPUTATED APPENDAGE THAT FEELS LIKE IT'S STILL THERE.

OFTENTIMES THE SENSATION, SO I'M TOLD, CAN BE ***PAINFUL.*** OR FEEL AS THOUGH THE MISSING LIMB IS TWISTED OR IN AN UNNATURAL POSITION.

THE MISSING NAILS CLAWING INTO THE PALM OF A MISSING HAND.

AN ITCH THAT CAN'T BE SCRATCHED...

...A GHOST OF WHAT ONCE WAS.

I'VE BEEN IN THIS BED FOR ***THREE WEEKS*** NOW.

THREE WEEKS SINCE I WAS AIRLIFTED OFF OF A DESERTED ISLAND.

THREE WEEKS SINCE...

...SINCE...

IT TOOK ME A WEEK JUST TO WAKE UP.

AND WHEN I DID, THE DOCTOR ASKED ME IF I WAS HAVING ANY SIGNS OF PHANTOM LIMB...

ANY FEELINGS, ANY SENSATIONS THAT BELONGED TO SOMETHING THAT WASN'T THERE ANYMORE.

I TOLD HIM I DID.

TOLD HIM ABOUT THE ***SCREAMING PAIN*** I FELT IN THE PART OF ME THAT WAS GONE...

...AND IT WAS TWO WEEKS LATER WHEN I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT ***MY HAND.***

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THREE WEEKS SINCE CAP CAME AND "RESCUED" ME FROM THE ISLAND. THREE WEEKS SINCE THEY NUKED IT IN MY WAKE...

THREE WEEKS SINCE I LOST MY SHADOW...

THEY HOVER AROUND ME. TALK IN WHISPERS.

I DON'T NEED ***MY OTHER*** TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT ME.

I SEE IT IN THEIR PITIFUL GLANCES.

THE WAY THEY SMILE AT ME LIKE A DOG ON HIS WAY TO BE PUT DOWN.

I'VE LOST IT.

IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD.

EDDIE?

HEY, ED. YOU UP?

SOMEONE HERE TO SEE YOU...

DAD?

DYLAN. HEY...HEY, COME IN...

I'M...I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

ARE...YOU OKAY?

YEAH...I'M-- YES, SON. OF COURSE I'M OKAY. COME HERE. WHAT'S...

WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S OKAY, SON.

JUST TELL HIM.

...

TELL ME WHAT?

I CAN'T... LIVE WITH YOU ANYMORE.

W-WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SON?

EDDIE, I KNOW THIS IS A SHOCK...

...BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW THIS SITUATION ISN'T THE BEST FOR DYLAN. YOU AREN'T CAPABLE OF--

WHAT THE ***HELL*** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

***EDDIE.*** DYLAN TOLD US ABOUT YOUR LIVING CONDITIONS, AND BETWEEN THE ***WAR OF THE REALMS*** AND THE CARNAGE INCIDENT AND WHAT'S GOING ON NOW...DYLAN HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF SEVERAL VERY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

AND, WELL... WITH YOU BEING OUT OF COMMISSION FOR AS LONG AS YOU HAVE...I'M SORRY...

NO. ***NO.*** BUT...I--I PROTECTED HIM! I ALWAYS WILL! AND IT'S...ALL OF THAT IS OVER NOW!

HE'LL BE SAFE WITH ME, I SWEAR! COME ON, I'VE ONLY BEEN OUT ***THREE WEEKS.*** I CAN--

"OVER"? "THREE WEEKS"?

OH, EDDIE. NO. YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR ***MONTHS.*** YOU-- YOU DON'T KNOW...

KNULL ISN'T COMING...

...KNULL IS HERE.

NO... OH GOD, NO...

HE CAME TO ME IN MY DREAMS, DAD. I COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING ABOUT IT. **WE** COULD HAVE...

BUT YOU LEFT ME.

THE DEATH TOLL IS ALREADY IN THE **THOUSANDS.** IF WE'D HAD SOME WARNING... I DON'T KNOW...

MAYBE WE COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING...

DYLAN, I'M SORRY. **PLEASE.** YOU HAVE TO--

I'M SORRY. IT'S TIME FOR HIS MEDICINE.

THAT'S OKAY, DOCTOR.

WE WERE JUST LEAVING.

NO!
NO, WAIT! I'M SORRY!

PLEASE! DON'T GO!!!

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE! DON'T LEAVE...

WAIT... WHAT...WHAT IS THIS?

WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING INSIDE OF...

OH GOD...

TIME TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINE, POPS.

DAMMIT! NO!

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!

NO!!!

HE'S IN YOUR HEAD, BROCK! THIS ISN'T REAL!

HAHAHA!!!

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BY HOW DYLAN WAS SPEAKING...

NAGHHH!!!

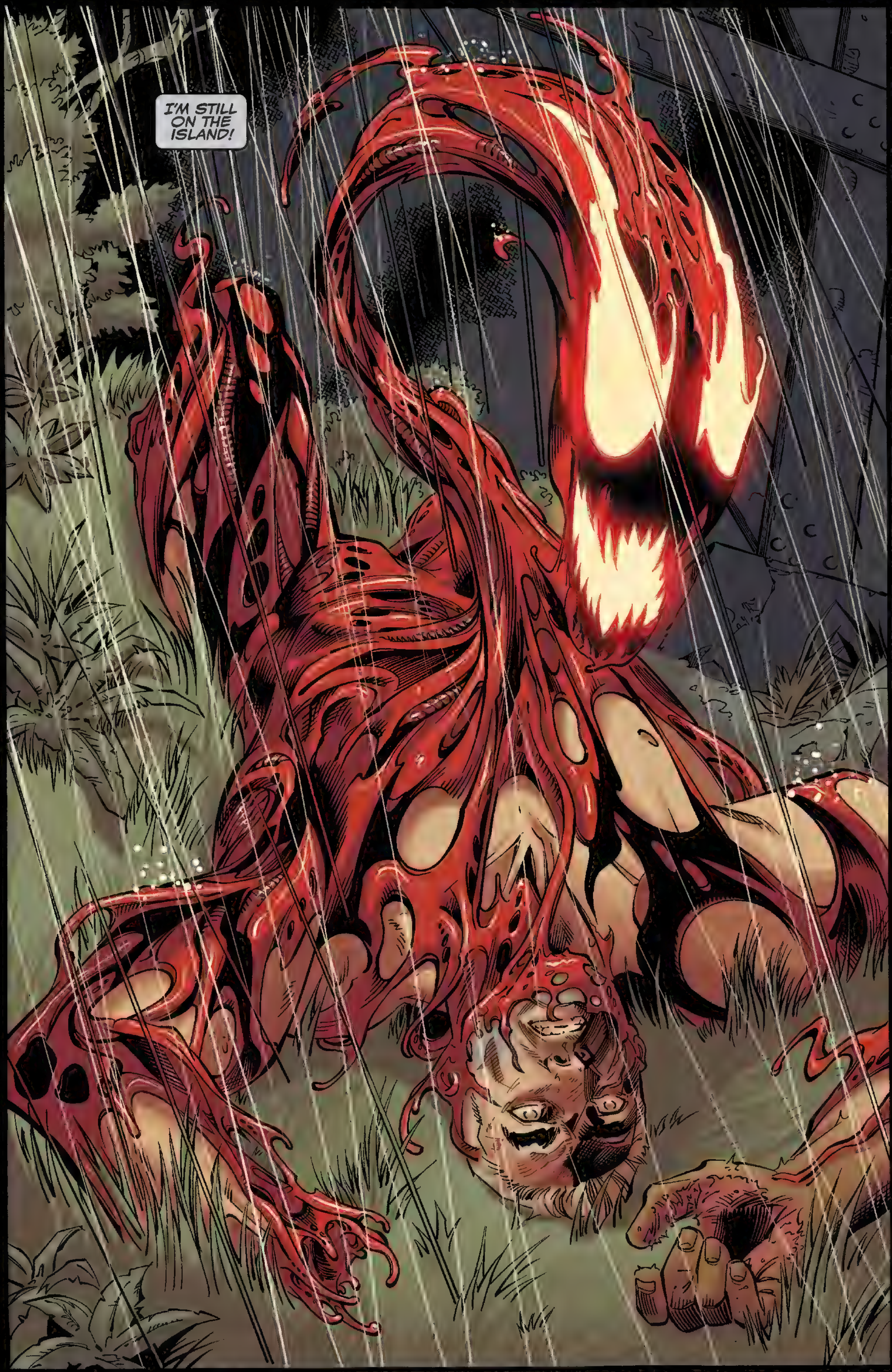
HE WOULDN'T CALL YOU DAD!

ON THE ISLAND...THE LIGHTNING STRUCK AND WE FELL AND...MY OTHER AND CARNAGE RACING TOWARD ME AS I BLACKED OUT... I THOUGHT...

OH GOD. IT GOT TO ME FIRST...

I'M STILL THERE!

NO!!!


I'M STILL ON THE ISLAND!

AWWW, HE FINALLY GETS IT!

SEE? YOU CAN'T WIN THIS, BROCK! YOU'RE TRAPPED IN THE DARK NOW! WITH ME!

I'LL MAKE YOU RELIVE EVERY HORRIFIC NIGHTMARE AND FEAR UNTIL KNULL COMES AND BURNS THIS WHOLE WORLD TO THE GROUND!!!

GET UP. GET UP! HAVE TO... FIND MY--

YOUR OTHER WHIMPERED OFF INTO THE DARK! IT LEFT YOU!

BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'LL BE TOGETHER FROM NOW ON!

NO!!!

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE, HUH? GO SEE THE SIGHTS!

SLIT SOME THROATS!

OH! I KNOW!

LET'S GO SEE YOUR BOY!

MEANWHILE...

DYLAN, IT'S BEEN *HOURS!* WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

I CAN'T...FIND HIM, SLEEPER. I CAN'T SEE KNULL.

THERE'S... TOO MANY. THE HIVE...CONNECTED TO ALL OF THEM... I CAN SEE...

WAIT...

NO...

AGHHH!!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT IS THIS?

I DON'T KNOW REALLY... I JUST...

I THINK I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. GO THROUGH IT TO WHERE?

WHAT DID YOU SEE IN THERE?

MY DAD. I SAW HIS SYMBIOTE... IT WAS ALONE AND...

I...

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...I HAVE TO GO SAVE THEM.

...HELLO?

CAN YOU--

--HEAR ME?

W-WHAT? WHO IS--

IT'S DYLAN.

I NEED YOU TO LET ME CONNECT WITH YOU.

MY DAD NEEDS HELP.

YOU...YOU THINK YOU CAN REMOTE PILOT MY KIND?

ONLY KNULL HAS THAT POWER, DYLAN. ARE YOU SURE IT'S--

IT'S OKAY. I CAN DO THIS. NOW...

...WHERE IS MY DAD?

I...I AM SO SORRY.

THE OTHER ONE... THE *RED* ONE... IT TOOK HIM. IT TOOK EDDIE AND I COULDN'T SAVE HIM...I'M SORRY, DYLAN...

I AM TOO WEAK.

IT'S OKAY. WE'RE STRONGER WHEN--

--WE AREN'T ALONE.

BOOM!!!

YOU KNOW...

IF YOUR PHYSICAL FORM IS NOT HERE, WE DO NOT HAVE TO BE HUMAN IN FORM...

BOOM

WE CAN BE... *ANYTHING.*

OH.

WHAT THE--

*HUH.*

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GET THE HELL AWAY FROM MY DAD!!!

TO BE CONTINUED!

# VENOM

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HEY, VENOMANIACS! THE V-REX IS HERE TO SAVE EDDIE! BUT WILL EDDIE EVER BE FREE OF THE MADNESS OF CARNAGE? LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE STORY SO FAR BY WRITING US AT SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM! BE SURE TO MARK YOUR LETTERS "OKAY TO PRINT"!